[8th August 1929

Assignment of lands to ex-military men.

*104 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the Budget debate on 12th March last on the claims of ex-military service men—combatant and non-combatant—to assignment of lands by relaxation of the rules as to time-bar—what orders Government have passed thereon?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 758, Revenue, dated 16th April 1929.[a] The Government Order has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the District Gazettes and communicated to the principal newspapers.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the term 'non-combatants who served in the Indian Army' appearing in the appendix, may I ask whether it includes the camp followers like post-men who accompanied the Indian Army?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I think they are not included."

Court of Wards and Zamindaris

Management of the Sivaganga zamindari.

*105 Q—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Sivaganga Zamindari was taken up for management under the Court of Wards and whether any period was then fixed for returning it to the Raja;

(*b*) whether there were any debts due from the estate at the time it was taken up or whether there was any cash and if so, how much;

(*c*) (i) whether the survey of the estate was taken up by the Court of Wards and if so, when, at what cost and at whose request;

(ii) whether the Raja was consulted or whether he agreed to the survey;

(*d*) (i) when the title of the Raja was conferred on the zamindar and why;

(ii) whether he asked for it;

(*e*) what was the annual income of the zamindari for every year from the time it was taken up by the Court of Wards till the survey and what has been the income for every year after the survey;

(*f*) what were the amounts borrowed by the Court of Wards every year for the zamindari and what were the amounts, if any, paid towards the debts;

(*g*) whether the Raja has expressed his readiness to arrange for the repayment of the loan at once if the zamindari is handed over to him and if so, why his request has not been granted;

(*h*) who are the creditors and what rate of interest is being paid every year for the debts; and

(*i*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of officers working in the zamindari under the Court of Wards and getting salaries of not less than Rs. 350 a month with their names, qualifications and salaries?

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 333 infra.